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SENATE JUDICIARY ENGROSSED NO. **SB 74** 1/29/2009

Introduced by: Senators Abdallah, Bartling, Bradford, Dempster, Gant, Gillespie, Gray, Hansen (Tom), Heidepriem, Maher, and Rhoden and Representatives Rave, Blake, Cutler, Feickert, Juhnke, Kirkeby, Lederman, Solberg, Steele, Thompson, and Vanderlinde

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to direct the Office of the Attorney General to study the
2 creation of a state medical examiner system, to provide an appropriation therefor and to
3 declare an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. The Office of the Attorney General shall conduct a study of the composition,
6 scope, and administration of a state medical examiner system in South Dakota. The study shall
7 gather the data and information regarding the creation of a state medical examiner system,
8 examine other states' medical examiner systems, and analyze the range of issues affecting the
9 creation, organization, and functions of a state medical examiner system. The Office of the
10 Attorney General shall consult with all appropriate interests including sheriffs, police chiefs,
11 county commissioners, criminal investigators, prosecutors, funeral directors, forensic
12 pathologists, the Department of Health, and the University of South Dakota School of Medicine.
13 The Office of the Attorney General shall submit a report regarding its findings and



1 recommendations and draft legislation, if any, to the Executive Board of the Legislative
2 Research Council by November 1, 2009.

3 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of fifteen thousand
4 dollars (\$15,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Office of Attorney General
5 to conduct the study required pursuant to this Act.

6 Section 3. The attorney general shall approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw
7 warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

8 Section 4. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by
9 June 30, 2010, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

10 Section 5. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
11 health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and
12 effect from and after its passage and approval.